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1. EMBASSY NOT RPT NOT AWARE OF ANY DISCRIMINATORY VISA PRACTICES BY YARG AND HAS THEREFORE NOT RPT NOT MADE REFTEL DEMARCHE.

2. OFFICIALS HERE HAVE SAID IN PAST THAT THERE IS NOTHING IN LAW OR PRACTICE OF VISA ISSUANCE TO SUBSTANTIATE CHARGES THAT DISCRIMINATION EXISTS AGAINST ANY GROUP ON BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX OR NATIONAL ORIGIN. THEY ALSO DISCLAIM ANY INTENTION TO SO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF FOREIGN COMPANIES OR GOVERNMENTS-- A VERY SMALL GROUP IN YEMEN, INCIDENTALLY. IN INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS THIS PAST WEEK, THESE VIEWS HAVE BEEN REITERATED. UNDER SECRETARY AT MINECONOMY HAS ASSURED US THAT YARG IS CONCERNED WITH LEGITIMACY OF BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT PROPOSALS AND NOT WITH BUSINESSMAN'S RACE OR RELIGION INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY JEWISH BUSINESSMEN.

3. YEMEN HAS EXCLUDED INDIVIDUALS AS PREJUDICIAL TO NATIONAL INTEREST BUT MOST SUCH PERSONS ARE ARABS WHILE ONLY WESTERNER WHO EXCLUDED LATELY, TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE, WAS

FEMALE IRISH CATHOLIC.

4. YEMENI VISA FORMS DO RPT DO CARRY SPACE FOR ENTRY OF RELIGION AND, IN PRACTICE, YEMENI CONSULS MAY BE CAUTIOUS WHEN PRESENTED WITH APPLICATIONS BY JEWS. TO SOME EXTENT, THOUGH LESS SO HERE THAN ELSEWHERE, YEMEN FEELS COMPULSION ON SECURITY AND POLITICAL GROUNDS TO BAN ISRAELI CITIZENS AND SCREEN (NOT BAN) SO-CALLED ZIONISTS. THIS IS CONSIDERABLE PROBLEM FOR YARG, WHICH HAS TROUBLE CMXPILING DIPLOMATIC LIST MUCH LEST BLACK LIST. IF EXCLUSIONS HAVE OCCURRED, SOME CAN SAFELY BE ATTRIBUTED TO INCOMPETENCE.

5. WE DO NOT RPT NOT KNOW OF ANY SUCH EXCLUSIONS, HOWEVER, AND THINK THAT WITH NUMBER AND VARIETY OF TOURISTS WHO NOW COMING TO COUNTRY IF PATTERN OF EXCLUSIONS EXISTED FOR JEWS, WE WOULD KNOW ABOUT IT. FRENCH CONSUL CONFIRMS THAT FRENCH TOURISTS (A REAL MAJORITY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TOURISTS ARE FRENCH) OF JEWISH FAITH HAVE VISITED YAR, APPARENTLY WITHOUT VISA PROBLEMS AND CERTAINLY WITHOUT DIFFICULTIES IN YEMEN ONCE THEY HAVE ARRIVED. A FRENCH RESEARCHER OF JEWISH FAITH CURRENTLY CONDUCTING 6 MONTH ENTHOLOGICAL STUDY IN SAADA AREA AND HAS BEEN GIVEN EVERY APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE BY YARG. IT IS ALSO NOTEWORTHY THAT A JEWISH PEACE CORPS STAFF MEMBER RESIDENT IN TUNISIA CURRENTLY VISITING YAR (HAD PREVIOUSLY LIVED ISRAEL FOUR

YEARS HELPING RESETTLE YEMENI JEWS) AND HAS ENCOUNTERED NO DIFFICULTIES. WE BELIEVE--AND SO DO YEMENIS--THAT SOME US GRANTEES AND MISSION EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN JEWISH BUT THERE HAVE BEEN NO DIFFICULTIES FOR SUCH PERSONS. YARG ATTITUDE SEEMS, FROM PATTERN AVAILABLE TO US, TO BE WILLING ADMIT ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ABLE SATISFY THEM OF LEGITIMACY OF PROPOSED TRAVEL PLANS, BE IT FOR TOURISTIC, DIPLOMATIC, COMMERCIAL, OR SCHOLARLY PURPOSES.

6. CURIOUS SITUATION WHICH HAS ARISEN DEPARTMENT SHOULD KNOW OF, HOWEVER. SEVERAL WEEKS AGO PRESIDENT HAMDI RELEASED PUBLIC INVITATION TO YEMEN JEWS WHO HAD EMIGRATED TO RETURN TO LIVE HERE IF THEY WANTED--WITH FULL RIGHTS AND BENEFITS OF YEMENI CITIZENS. (UNCERTAIN WHAT PROMPTED THIS STEP BUT ONE LOCAL WAG LATER TOLD ME WITH GRAVE EXPRESSION THAT, TO DATE, NO ONE HAD APPLIED.) HOWEVER, FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE TELLS ME THAT "SEVERAL" FORMER YEMENI JEWS LIVING IN US HAVE APPLIED TO VISIT, AND YARG HASN'T YET DETERMINED WHAT TO DO. THESE CASES COULD BE USED TO TEST WHETHER, IN YAR, JEWISH GROUPS CAN GET VISAS FOR PURELY FRATERNAL, CHARITALBLE OR RELIGIOUS PURPOSE. IN THIS CASE, WHICH INVOLVES SENSITIVE MATTER OF CONTACTING SEPARATED JEWISH BRETHERN HERE, JEWISH GROUPS IN QUESTION WILL HAVE TO DEMONSTRATE TO SUSPICIOUS YARG THAT THEY ARE NOT COVER FOR ISRAELI ACTIVITIES.
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